

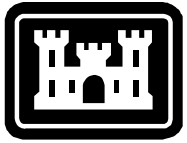


**US Army Corps
of Engineers®**

ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER

CORPS DAY
INFORMATION BRIEFING
8 OCTOBER 1998

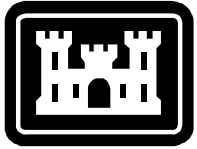
C. Dianne Barnes/Mail Program Manager



**US Army Corps
of Engineers®**

ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER (EFT)

- Public Law 104-134 Mandates EFT Capability for Official Mail by 1 Jan 99 (No More Checks--No Waivers)
- Two Official Mail EFT Programs are being Implemented
 - CMRS (Computerized Meter Resetting Systems)
 - CAPS (Centralized Accounting Processing Systems)
- Two Types of EFT Capability
 - ACH (Automated Clearing House) (Cost Pennies--Funds are Posted Over-Night)
 - Wire (Cost \$8.50--Funds are Posted Same Day)-Not Available
- Working with HQ Resource Management/CEFMS Personnel on USACE EFT Implementation
 - Corps will use Pre-Payment Approval (Fast Pay)



**US Army Corps
of Engineers®**

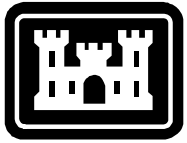
ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER (EFT)

CMRS

All sites **MUST
COMPLY**: All
Electronic Postage
except Permit
Mailings

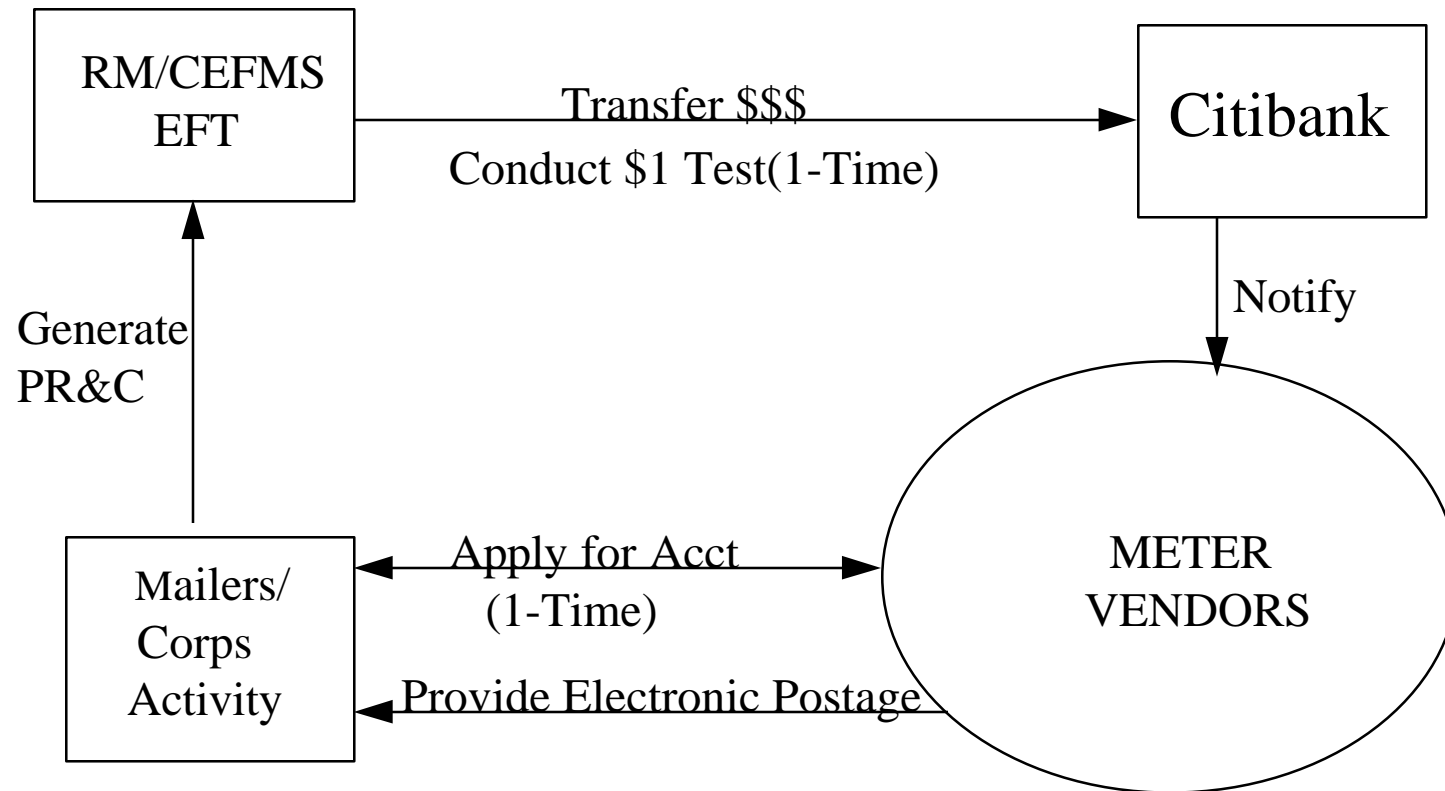
CAPS

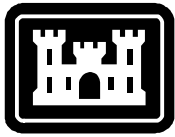
ONLY sites
using Permit
Mailings **MUST
COMPLY**



**US Army Corps
of Engineers®**

Computerized Meter Resetting System (CMRS) - Payment Flows

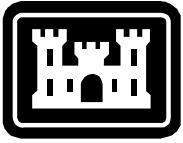




**US Army Corps
of Engineers®**

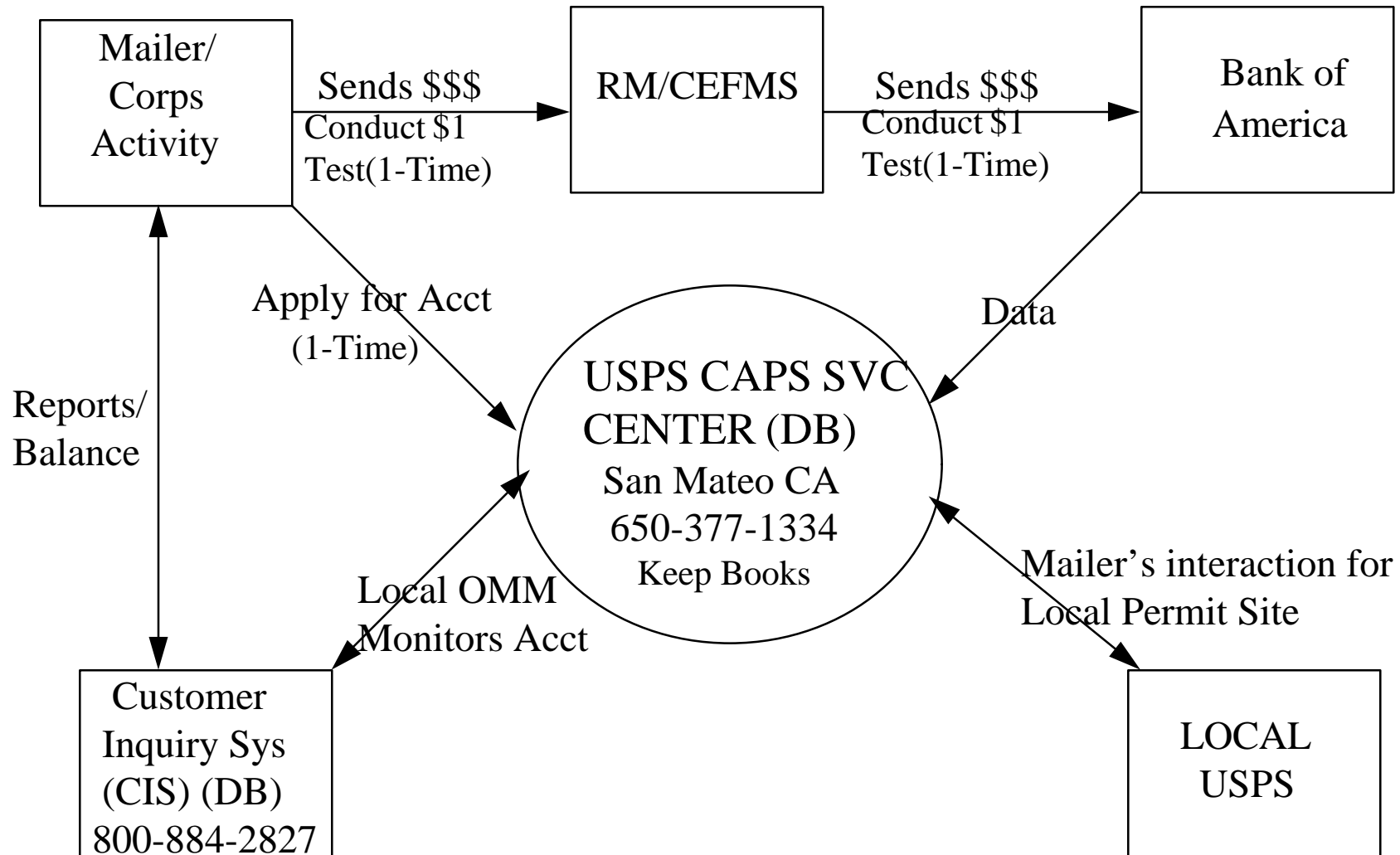
Types of Electronic Postage for CMRS

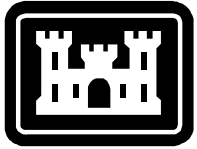
- Express Mail
- Merchandise Return Service
- Meter Loading Purchases
- Postage Stamps
- Postage Stamped Cards, Envelopes, etc.
- Private Carrier Fees



**US Army Corps
of Engineers®**

Centralized Accounting Processing Systems (CAPS) - Payment Flows



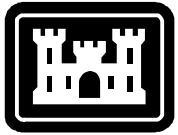


**US Army Corps
of Engineers®**

TYPES OF ELECTRONIC POSTAGE FOR CAPS

PERMIT MAILINGS

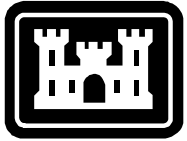
- Permit Imprints
 - First Class
 - Standard A
 - Standard B
- Periodicals
- Business Reply Mail/Postage Due
- Address Element Correction



**US Army Corps
of Engineers®**

Customer Inquiry System (CIS)

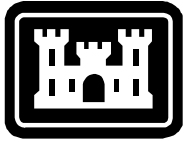
- CIS software provided to each CAPS customer
- On-line reports, account balance
- Download capability
- Internet account access: CAPS.USPS.GOV
- Balance Inquiry: 1-800-884-2827



**US Army Corps
of Engineers®**

Centralized Trust Account (CTA)

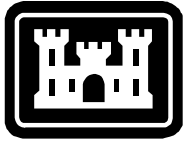
- Customer sends funds electronically to USPS bank
- Bank notifies CAPS of deposits and customer's account is credited
- Customer's account balance is reduced as postage statements are processed thru local Permit System



**US Army Corps
of Engineers®**

CAPS ISSUES

- Minimum Requirements
 - 3 permits in two or more postal units, total revenue of \$10,000 per year
 - OR
 - 3+ permits in one location, revenue of \$50,000 per year
 - OR
 - Permit revenue of \$500,000 per year
- DoD is Working with USPS to Eliminate Minimum Requirements

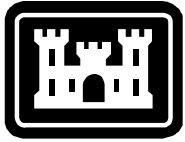


**US Army Corps
of Engineers®**

ACTIONS

- HQ Information Management
 - Work w/DoD/DA to Drop Minimum Requirements for CAPS
 - Issue Guidance on CAPS and CMRS
 - Determine EFT Format Instructions

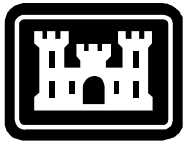
- HQ Resource Management
 - Develop CEFMS Pre-Payment Policy, Guidance
 - Conduct \$1 Test for CAPS and CMRS
 - Determine How Sites without EFT Capability Will Conduct Business



**US Army Corps
of Engineers®**

ACTIONS

- Sites Without EFT Capabilities
 - 1 Dec 98: SAD, Sacramento, San Francisco, HECSA
 - 1 Jan 99: Los Angeles
 - 1 Feb 99: NAD
- Local Official Mail Manager
 - Monitor Account \$ - No Wire Capability
 - Complete Application for CMRS and CAPS
 - Work With the Vendors (Meters and USPS)

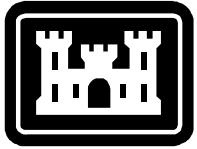


**US Army Corps
of Engineers®**

ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER (EFT)

References

- PL 104-134: <http://www.fms.treas.gov/eft/newlaw.htm>
- CAPS: <http://caps.usps.gov/>
- Memo/CEIM-IR - Phase Out of Mechanical Postage Meters, dated 1 Sep 98: <http://www.usace.army.mil/inet/function/im/us-mail/memos/pompm.pdf>
- Memo/CEIM-IR - Remotely Set Postage Meters, dated 3 Jul 97: <http://www.usace.army.mil/inet/function/im/us-mail/memos/rspm.pdf>



**US Army Corps
of Engineers®**

REFERENCE PUBLICATIONS

USPS: <http://www.usps.gov/>

- Mailroom Companion - <http://www.usps.gov/business/mrc.htm>
- Memo to Mailers - <http://www.usps.gov/business/memtomai.htm>
- Postal Bulletin - <http://www.usps.gov/business/pb.htm>
- Postal Business Publications - <http://www.usps.gov/business/pubsbus.htm>
- Domestic Mail Manual - <http://www.usps.gov/clr/qsgmenu.htm>
- International Mail Manual
- Mail Business Magazines